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ENP01F002302Z 2/00/VCK/R160-72 SONGBIRD AVN/OPER-V/I,Z. SUBORDINATE ELEMENTS OF
NVN 274TH SAM REGIMENT RELOCATE WITHIN QUANG BINH PROVINCE
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ON 18 FEBRUARY, AT 0622Z THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 274TH ORDERED THE 87TH SAM BATTALION TO RETURN TO THE AREA 6NORTH OF CO KIENG (17-13N 106-46E) WITH AN ELEMENT/S TO GO TO THE PHU KI BRIDGE (17-12N 106-43E) ON THE NIGHT OF 18 FEBRUARY. THE 89TH SAM BATTALION WAS INSTRUCTED TO RELOCATE TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION WITH THE SUBORDINATE 2ND COMPANY ORDERED TO BE COMBAT READY BY 2200Z ON 18 FEBRUARY. AT 1257Z ON 19 FEBRUARY, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 274TH CONTACTED SUBORDINATE UNITS AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY PRAISED THE 86TH, 87TH, 88TH AND 89TH SAM BATTALIONS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FIGHTING THE ENEMY ON 16 AND 17 FEBRUARY. THE SPEAKER STATED THAT THE UNITS HAD STRUCK VICTORIOUSLY AND SHOT DOWN ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND CAPTURED THE PILOTS. COMMENTS THE 274TH SAM REGIMENT HAS BEEN OPERATIONAL BETWEEN LONG DAI (17-19N 106-38E) AND THE DMZ SINCE LATE JANUARY ((1)). ON 16 AND 17 FEBRUARY, DURING LARGE SCALE U.S. STRIKE OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA, THIS REGIMENT LAUNCHED APPROXIMATELY 10 MISSILES DOWNING TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT ((2)). ((1)) 2/00/VCK/R118-72, 082149Z FEB 72 ((2)) 2/00/VCK/R18-72, 182225Z FEB 72, 2/00/VCK/R148-72, 172030Z FEB 72. XXMM 4000
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